



Compliance Assistance Success Story

Helping a Woodworking Business with Environmental Compliance

Challenge

Ohio EPA regularly inspects businesses to ensure that they are complying with permit requirements. During a routine inspection of a family-owned woodworking business, the Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) inspector discovered that, although the company had permits for their long-standing operations, newer equipment installed over the years also required air permits.

Solution

The DAPC inspector referred the company to the agency's Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) for help with their air permits. OCAPP staff helped the company prepare an air permit application, including help with air modeling and suggested stack design improvements. During the application process, OCAPP continued to work with the company to identify more environmentally friendly chemicals to replace some of their coating materials to help lower emissions of air pollutants. Once the permit was issued, OCAPP helped the company understand the monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements, and provided customized recordkeeping forms for the company to use to fulfill their permit requirements.

OCAPP also connected the company with Ohio EPA's Materials Marketplace, a free online tool to post surplus materials that could potentially be reused by another company.

Outcome

OCAPP helped the company resolve their outstanding compliance issues and provided tools to help them maintain future compliance. Helping the facility identify and incorporate coatings with lower potential hazardous air pollutants resulted in a positive benefit to the environment.

Resources

Each year, OCAPP helps thousands of businesses with their environmental compliance needs. OCAPP is a free, confidential resource for Ohio businesses that need help with Ohio EPA regulations. For more information, visit epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/ or contact our toll-free hotline.



Compliance Assistance Services

OCAPP provides free and confidential services to help businesses, including:

- a toll-free compliance assistance hotline (800) 329-7518;
- help completing forms and permit applications;
- easy-to-understand publications;
- newsletter and email updates with the latest on regulations, resources and training;
- workshops and webinars; and
- on-site assessments to help maintain compliance.